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COVID-19 School Submission Reporting Guidance (Updated 8-20-2021)

When should a report be submitted?

A report should be submitted for each school when a new student or staff is notified to the school as being positive for COVID-19. This report should be done the same day the school is notified or as soon as possible (if notified on a weekend).

What cases should be reported?

Any new student or staff person in a school who is identified to have a new confirmed positive test result for COVID-19 should be reported. Persons who are symptomatic but are not tested do not need to be reported.

What is the definition of a student?

Any PK-12 student enrolled at the school.

What is the definition of staff?

In addition to certified educators, staff also includes non-certified individuals who may be employed or contracted by the district such as those providing instructional support, technical services, related special education services, food service, transportation, security, who either work in the school or directly interact with students. Administrative staff that work in a central district office who do not spend time in any school buildings do not need to be reported. Staff that work or interact with students or staff from multiple schools should be reported for the school where they have had the most interaction.

Who needs to submit a report?

Any schools (public or private) with grades PK-12 should submit a report when a new student or staff with confirmed COVID-19 infection is identified. Daily reporting is not required.

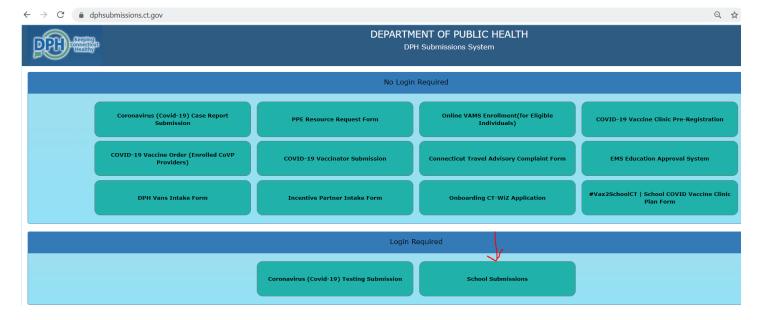
Where should a report be submitted?

All reports should be submitted via the DPH Submission Portal: https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/

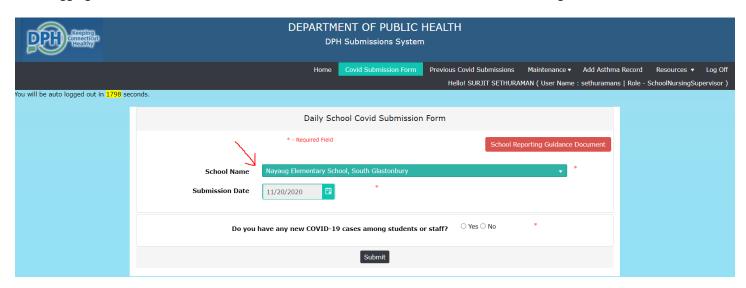


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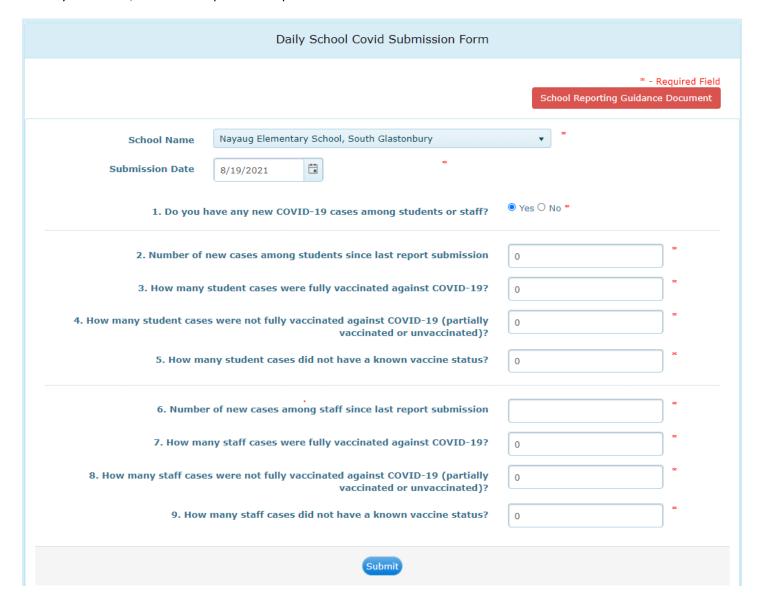




After logging in, select "School Submissions" and the screen will look similar to the following:



Select your school, from the drop down list provided.



What questions do I need to answer?

The questions to be answered are the following:

Do you have any new COVID-19 cases among students or staff? Yes or No

If you select Yes, additional data elements are required to be completed.

Enter the number of new cases among students since the last report submitted for that school. A student case is defined as any student that attends the school that has a positive COVID-19 test result (PCR or antigen).

Then enter the number of positive student cases by vaccine status. The total number of student cases must match the total entered for vaccine status. If a vaccine status category does not apply, enter a zero. The vaccine status options are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (≥14 days since the last vaccine dose in the respective vaccine series),

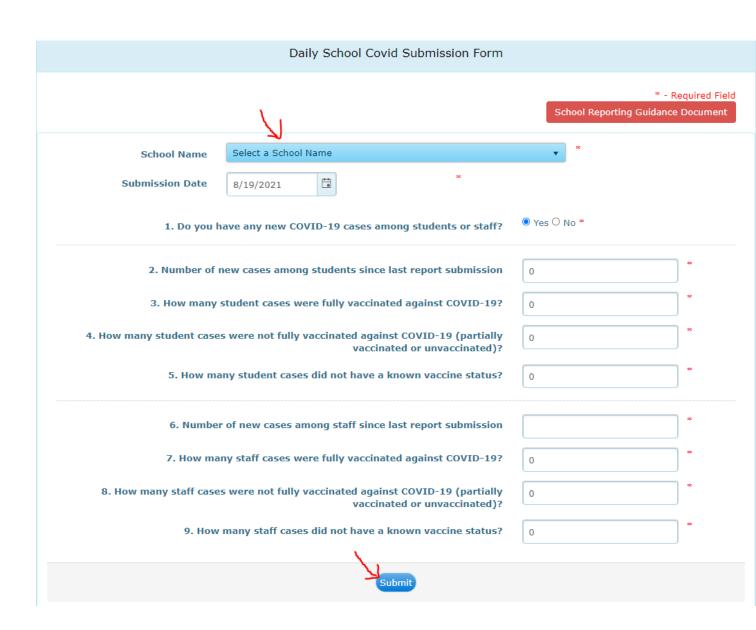
not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (partially vaccinated or not vaccinated), and not known (vaccine status is not known).

Then enter the number of new cases among staff since the last report submitted for that school. A staff case is defined as any staff that works at the school that has a positive COVID-19 test result (PCR or antigen). District staff that test positive and work in school settings should be reported for the school they work in. District staff that work in a separate building with no potential for student contact, should not be included. Staff that work in multiple buildings should be reported for the school where they spend the most time.

Then enter the number of positive staff cases by vaccine status. The total number of staff cases must match the total entered for vaccine status. If a vaccine status category does not apply, enter a zero. The vaccine status options are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (≥14 days since the last vaccine dose in the respective vaccine series), not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (partially vaccinated or not vaccinated), and not known (vaccine status is not known).

How do I enter data for more than one school in a day?

- 1. Login to https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov using your credentials
- 2. Select the school from the drop down and complete the form and submit.



You will see a successful submission confirmation. Click "Back to Home Page" button
 Daily School Covid Submission Form Confirmation Page

Daily School Covid Submission has been successfully submitted.

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4. Keep repeating steps 1-3 to complete your submissions for all your schools.

How do I correct a previous day's entry?

To correct a previous day's entry, please submit a ticket to DPH at https://dph-cthelpdesk.ct.gov/Ticket and select "School Submissions" for "What system do you need assistance with?". When submitting this ticket, you must include the following information so that it can be updated: Name of the school; date you are looking to correct; the number of student and staff cases for that day; vaccine status of student and staff cases. The entry cannot be updated if this information is not provided.

How do I get a login/password to the system?

If you are a Submission System Administrator for your school district identified by CSDE please register yourself by clicking "Register as a DPH Submission User" at https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov and DPH will activate and assign the respective schools to your account.

If you an individual school user trying to submit data for your school please contact your Submission System Administrator to establish a user account for the School Submissions portal.

How do I get help or report a problem?

Please submit a ticket to DPH at https://dph-cthelpdesk.ct.gov/Ticket and select "School Submissions" for What system do you need assistance with? and submit the ticket. This is the easiest and fastest way to contact DPH.